

Agenda

- CRT and CRT-Alt Participation and Materials opi.mt.gov/curriculum/MontCAS/index.html?gpm1_9
- Test Preparation for System and School Test Coordinators
- Receipt and Distribution of CRT and CRT-Alt Test Materials from Measured Progress
 - CRT
 - CRT-Alt
- Test Preparation: Student Labels & Answer Booklet Coding
- Test Administration
- Post Test and Return of Materials to Measured Progress







Participation CRT Science and Alt

- Grades 4, 8, and 10
- Students attending 180 hours or more
 - Montana Accredited Schools
 - BIE
 - Montana Youth Challenge Academy
 - Job Corps
- Not included in participation
 - Home schooled students
 - Private non-accredited schools
 - Residential treatment centers under contract with OPI
 - NOTE: Part time enrolled students test in resident school.





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Materials

- Familiarize yourself with the CRT and CRT-Alt manuals. opi.mt.gov/curriculum/MontCAS/index.html?gpm1_9
- Plan training with all staff involved with test administration using appropriate OPI resources.
- Student Registration Data
 - Identify students who need to be registered for the CRT Alternate Assessment by January 23.
 - Identify students who qualify to use test accommodations for the CRT-Science administration.
 - Order large print test booklets if needed.
 - Make sure your local student information is current and accurate and has been uploaded to AIM by January 23 for student label creation.







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Prior to Receipt of Materials Large Print Ordering

Large print test booklets can be ordered from Measured Progress' iservices website.

Note: pre-ordered large print test booklets will arrive with the test shipment shipped from Measured Progress in early February. Large print test booklets can also be ordered as an additional material after your primary shipment arrives.





Prior to Receipt of Materials **CRT-Alt Registration**

Mark the Alternate Assessment checkbox under the Statewide Assessments editor of the student's current locked IEP in your AIM system.



- If you did not mark this box, and a new IEP will not be written before January 23, 2015, you will need to create an amendment on the current locked IEP in the AIM system and check the Alternate Assessment box.
- Please make sure your student's current IEP is locked in the AIM system as we are unable to extract the Statewide Assessments information on IEPs and/ or amendments that are unlocked.
- And, please make certain that the box is checked by January 23, 2015 to ensure your alternate assessment students are registered.







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Prior to Receipt of Materials Guidelines for Accommodations

- Accommodations are available to all students on the basis of individual need, regardless of disability status. Decisions regarding accommodations should be made by the student's educational team on an individual basis, consistent with either previous accommodation decisions for the student or current educational needs.
- Any accommodation(s) used during testing must be consistent with those used during the student's regular classroom instruction and assessment for at least three months prior to testing.
- Standard accommodations are changes in the way a test is administered or responded to by the student who is being tested.
- Nonstandard accommodations change what is being measured by the test and will result in the student being reported as a "Novice." They are available only to IEP and LEP documented students.

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Prior to Receiving Materials Guidelines for Accommodations

Double starred (**) standard accommodations are intended for use with students identified as IEP/504/LEP. These accommodations must be listed in the student's IEP, 504 plan, or LEP plan.

- In unusual circumstances, approval may be requested for a general education student (not identified as IEP/504/LEP) to be administered the CRT with an accommodation keyed with **.
- For prospective cases in which the request is not related to a medical emergency, the guidelines below should be followed:
 - The accommodation has been in place and used regularly in classroom instruction for at least three consecutive months.
 - A team made the decision about the appropriateness of the accommodation for instruction and formalized assessments.
 - There are data to demonstrate the effectiveness of the accommodation for the student on formalized assessments.
 - The accommodation is used in the administration of ALL other formalized assessments such as MAPS, chapter tests, unit tests, and other tests administered to groups of students.

See tables on following slides for directions to request **approval.







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Important Resources and References Measured Progress iServices Website

http://iServices.MeasuredProgress.org

- Select "Montana" or "Montana Alternate Assessment" from the drop down menu and select a service:
 - Registration for upcoming CRT and CRT-Alternate test development meetings
 - Order Large Print Test Booklets
 - Access the online reporting system (MARS)
 - Download additional forms and manuals
 - Order additional testing material
 - Request a UPS pickup for the return of your testing material
 - Submit required online Test Security Agreement immediately following conclusion of testing.







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Test Security

- Test coordinators and administrators are prohibited from disclosing the contents of CRT assessments. All test questions are secure. Under no circumstances should Test Booklets or marked Answer Booklets be reviewed, circulated, duplicated, or discussed. The only exception is for the administrator who needs to read to the student who is taking the test with a modality accommodation.
- Any concern about a breach of test security or noncompliance with test administration procedures must be reported immediately to the principal, System Test Coordinator, and State Assessment Director.
- All System Test Coordinators and school principals should be familiar with OPI Guidelines and Procedures for Test Security provided by OPI. This OPI publication outlines reporting procedures for testing irregularities,
- All System Test Coordinators and school principals/authorized representatives must each complete an online test security agreement after testing. The agreements will be online at the Web address: http://iservices.measuredprogress.org.







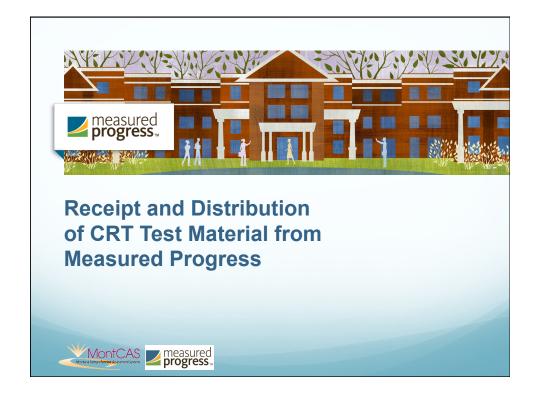
Important Dates

- February 2, 2015 System Test coordinators can download CRT-Alternate test booklets
- February 16, 2015 Test Materials will begin to arrive at system offices via UPS
- February 17 March 24, 2015 CRT Alternate test window
- March 3 March 24, 2015 CRT test window
- Monday, March 9, 2015 Reminder: is the first day of Day Light Savings time. Some schools may choose not to test on this day.
- March 26, 2015 Last day to ship return materials
- March 31, 2015 Used Answer Booklets must be received at Measured Progress
- NOTES:
 - Used Answer Booklets received after this date could delay the reporting of all results or impact individual district or school AYP results.
 - *Complete list of dates on pg. 3 of Test Coordinator Manual









Receipt of Test Materials

Measured Progress will ship materials on Feb 6, 2015

- •All material are shipped to System offices.
- •The System Test Coordinator should advise mail room or main office to notify STC immediately upon receipt of test material.
- •Materials are packed by school and by grade.
- •Test materials' quantities are determined by enrollment plus a small overage.
- •CRT-Alternate Materials will be included in this shipment
- •To receive CRT-Alternate materials, eligible students' IEPs should indicate Alternate Assessment in AIM by January 23, 2015
- •UPS will deliver boxes to system offices on or after February 16, 2015
 - If you do not receive all your expected material by February 19, 2015 contact the Measured Progress Service Desk:
 - (888)792-2741 or montanahelpdesk@measuredprogress.org







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Test Materials

Boxes of test materials for each school and grade in a system contain:

- 1. Memo
- 2. Materials Summary
- 3. Student labels sorted by grade, teacher, student
- 4. Form for unused barcode labels
- 5. CRT Test Coordinators Manual (TCM)
 - 1 manual for each school packed with the lowest grades materials
- 6. Test Administrators Manuals (TAM)
 - 1 per grade for each school, plus 1 for every 20 students enrolled
- 7. Special Handling Envelope
- 8. UPS ground label for returning test booklets and CRT-Alternate materials
- 9. "For Return of Used Answer Documents" envelope(s)
- 10. Flat box with pre-affixed UPS 2Day RS label for returning used Answer Booklets
- 11. Test booklets (large print & Braille)
- 12. Answer Booklets
- 13. CRT-Alternate Return Materials:
 - White plastic envelopes 1 per student, checklist, survey and return instructions
- 14. CRT-Alternate Test Material Kits
 - Grade-specific accordion folders with test materials
 - 1 per school, or use kits from previous years







System Inventory

System offices will receive materials' boxes and notify System Test Coordinators of their receipt.

- For all schools within that system for grades 4, 8 and 10
- Any school(s) that had registered a student for the CRT Alt in AIM
- System Test Coordinators should:
 - Inventory to ensure that materials for all school and grade combinations expected to test have been received
 - Distribute boxes to schools





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Box Inventory

Box Inventory

- · Open boxes and inventory contents immediately
- Verify that the quantities you received match the quantities listed on the Material Summary Form.
 - Count test booklets, the count should match the quantity listed the on the Materials Summary Form, record this number for reference when preparing to return test booklets after testing.

If you find a discrepancy contact Measured Progress immediately

Test Booklets

- Under no circumstances should test booklets or marked Answer Booklets be reviewed, circulated, duplicated, or discussed. The only exception is for the administrator who needs to read to a student who is taking the test with a modality accommodation.
- Test booklets are secure material; this means that they are confidential as noted above and that all test booklets received by a system/school must be returned to Measured Progress.
- If a test booklet is damaged or destroyed for any reason, document the booklet number and notify OPI and Measured Progress



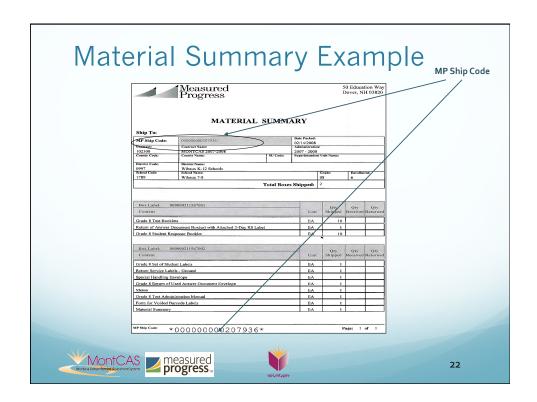


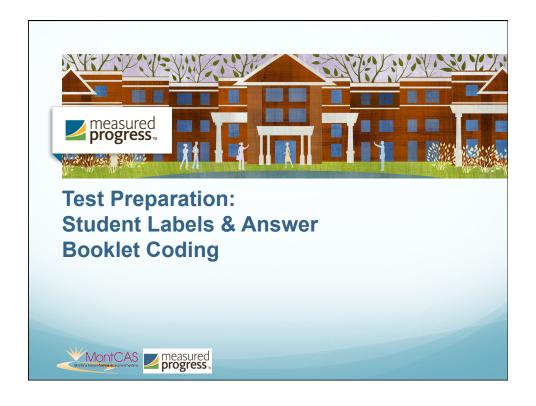
Additional Materials

- Additional Materials may <u>only</u> be ordered if you have already received a shipment.
- To order materials you will need the schools <u>MP Ship Code</u>. This code may be found on the Material Summary Form. (see example on next slide)
- Additional CRT test booklets and Answer Booklets, may be ordered via iServices from the day your receive your material until March 20.
- Additional Alternate materials can only be ordered by calling or emailing the Measured Progress service desk:(888)792-2741 or montanahelpdesk@measuredprogress.org
- Additional large print test booklets are ordered as an additional material on the iServices page; orders received after March 10 cannot be fillled.
- Additional shipping materials may be ordered until March 24.
- Additional manuals and forms can be downloaded from the OPI website or the iServices website









Student Barcode Labels

Label Data was extracted from AIM. All students enrolled at your school in AIM on January 23, 2015 should have a label.

- A student label is valid when the state student ID matches the student being tested regardless of the accuracy of the other information on the label. All demographic or label data errors should be reported to the AIM staff at OPI immediately.
- If you did not receive a label for a student you must bubble Boxes A, B, D & E on page1 of the Answer Booklet.
- Teacher information was also included in the AIM extract. If a teacher name was included in the AIM "sortby" field, it will be printed on the label.
- The CRT AIM count date is March 19. Enrollment and participation updates need to be completed in AIM by April 3. Keeping your AIM data correct and up to date will ensure the accurate reporting of participation and assessment results.*
- * Reporting errors that are identified as the result of improper coding in AIM or on the Student Answer Booklet will not be rectified in MARS. Any errors identified as the result of improper handling by Measured Progress will be fixed and results will be re-posted on MARS









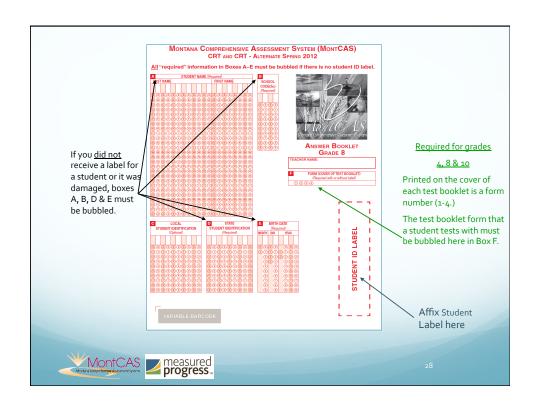
Unused Barcode Label Form

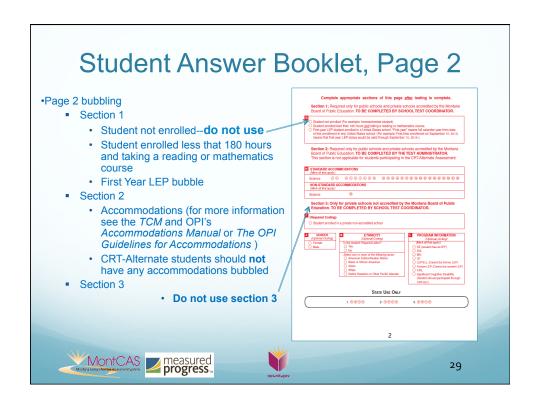
- One form will be included in each school/grade shipment (this form may be copied or downloaded)
- This form is used to identify those students who you received a barcode label you did not use for any reason
- The form is school specific but <u>not</u> grade specific, thus multiple grades can be included on one form (in some cases only one form may be needed per school)
- Return the form (loose) in any grades "Used Answer Document" box.
- This form does not take the place of the required MontCAS Online Report of student non-participation

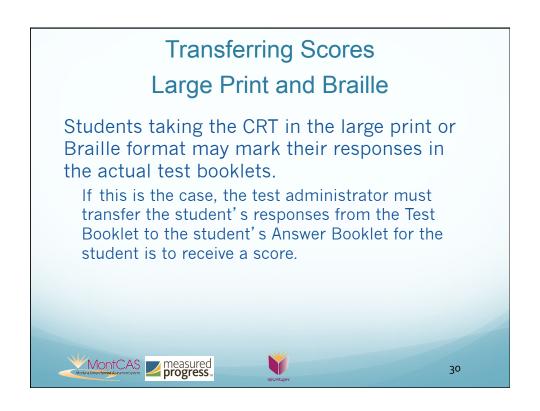


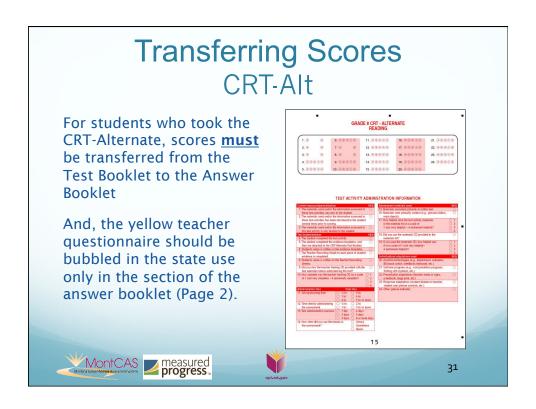


Student Answer Booklets •Grades 4, 8 & 10 – CRT and CRT-Alt •Use of markers and highlighters allowed only in test booklet, not in the answer booklet. •Page 1 bubbling •Label / no label •Test Booklet Form Number











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- •All System Test Coordinators and school principals should be familiar with OPI Guidelines and Procedures for Test Security provided by OPI.
- •This OPI publication outlines reporting procedures for testing irregularities, as well as a sample of the online reporting form. The form must be completed and submitted to OPI within five days of the incident. More information on test security can be accessed on the OPI conference website: opi.mt.gov/curriculum/MontCAS/index.html?gpm1_9





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Test Administration Manual CRT

The Test Administration Manual (TAM) should be read by all staff involved with administering the CRT.

Instructions for Test Administrators.

- The manual contains "scripts" that should be read to all students before all test sessions. Scripts and directions must be read exactly and not changed.
- Use of the test "script" helps insure a uniform test taking experience for all Montana students.
- Test Security
- Suggested Testing Times







Important CRT-Alt Dates **Dates Events** System Test Coordinators download and print CRT-Alternate Test Administration Feb. 3-7 Manual and Test Booklets to distribute to Test Administrators. System Test Coordinators will receive password for Test booklets by January 29. CRT-Alternate Test Material Kits and Return Materials arrive to System Test Coordinators Feb. to disseminate to teachers 12-17 March 26 Last day to ship CRT-Alternate test (and CRT) materials to Measured Progress MontCAS measured progress. 36



Post Administration

When test administration, including make-up tests, is complete:

- Collect materials and verify that there is an answer booklet for each student tested.
- · Inventory test booklets.
 - All test booklets be returned to Measured Progress. Missing test booklets constitute a testing irregularity.
- Check that the answers for students who used a large print test booklet, Braille, or the CRT-Alt have been bubbled into the students' Answer Booklets.
- Verify that each Student Answer Booklet has a barcode label or has the appropriate name and Student ID bubbled on page 1.
- · Check page 2 for appropriate coding
- · Complete required online test security agreements.











Packing Instructions **Used Answer Booklets**

Used Answer Booklets are to be returned in the boxes labeled "For the Return of Used Answer Documents." Boxes must be shipped to Measured Progress no later than March 26, 2015. Boxes should include:

- Grade specific "For Return of Used Student Answer Documents" envelopes containing used answer booklets (including Alternate answer booklets)
- "Special Handling" envelopes (if necessary)
- Completed Voided/Unused Barcode Label Form (if necessary)

•Used Answer Booklets must be received by Measured Progress by March 30 to ensure on time release of test results

More details are in the TCM







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Packing Instructions CRT Test Booklets and Unused Materials

- Put all test booklets and unused materials into the boxes.
- Seal and apply the UPS ground labels that you received in the initial shipment
- March 26, 2015 is the deadline to ship booklets and unused materials (including unused Answer Booklets): CRT Test Booklets and unused Answer Booklets are to be kept secure, inventoried, and accounted for prior to returning them to Measured Progress. Any missing booklets are considered a security breach and will be treated as a serious testing irregularity and could impact AYP results.
- (see page 16-18 of TCM for more detailed instructions)







Packing Instructions CRT-Alternate Test Material

- Materials should be packaged separately in the white plastic envelopes (one for each student) marked "For Return of CRT-Alternate test Materials." The envelope should contain:
 - CRT-Alternate Test Booklet, with student name and ID written on the cover
 - Teacher Recording Evidence Form (in the Test Booklet)
 - Materials Replacement form (if necessary)
- Alternate Answer Booklets should be included in grade level envelopes and shipped in 2 day boxes with CRT Science answer documents
- Return completed CRT-Alternate Assessment envelopes to your System Test Coordinator for shipment to Measured Progress.
- The accordion file material kits should be retained in a secure location at the system office for future CRT-Alternate test administrations.
- (see page 16-18 of TCM for more detailed instructions)







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It is never too early to return materials!

Two Shipping Methods

UPS 2nd Day Air -- Faster

- For Used CRT Student Answer Booklets
 - Label is pre-affixed to the grade specific "For Return of Used Answer Document" boxes
 - This shipping method is purposefully faster so that scoring can begin asap.

UPS Ground -- Slower

- For Used and Unused CRT Test Booklets, Unused CRT material and CRT-Alternate Return Envelopes
 - Ground labels were included with testing material. Please remove the original shipping label and place the UPS Return Service label on the original shipping containers
 - A CRT-Alternate return envelope was provided for each student registered for the alternate assessment

To ensure prompt processing and scoring at MP, please use the appropriate method for the materials described above. Combining materials delays the scoring process.







Return to Measured Progress via UPS

To arrange a UPS pick-up

Option 1 – use iServices to arrange next day pick-up

Option 2 - Call UPS directly to arrange a pick-up

Option 3 – give pre-labeled boxes to any UPS driver





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Reporting

- Montana Analysis and Reporting System (MARS)
 - Assessment results will be reported by noon on June 15, 2015.
 - Access MARS via the iServices website
 - http://iservices.measuredprogress.org
- Passwords will remain the same
 - Password information may only be obtained from OPI
 - New password requests are to be through OPI
- Parent letters and labels will be shipped the first week of September
- PDF files of the parent letters will be posted on the reporting section of MARS





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 - Science CRT and CRT-Alt

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